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1. Forest Peoples Programme

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization believes that forests should be managed and controlled based on the respect for the rights of the peoples who know them best. Working with forest peoples in South America, Africa and Asia, the organization helps communities to secure their rights, build up their own organizations and negotiate with Governments and companies as to how best to achieve economic development and conservation on their lands.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports the rights of peoples who live in forests and depend on them for their livelihoods. It aims to create political space for forest peoples to secure their rights, control their lands and decide their own futures by getting the rights and interests of peoples recognized in laws, policies and programmes; supporting people to build their own capacities to claim and exercise their human rights; countering policies and projects that threaten the rights of people; promoting community-based sustainable forest management; ensuring equity, counter-discrimination and gender justice; informing non-governmental organization actions on forests in line with forest peoples' visions; and linking up indigenous and forest peoples' movements at the regional and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2010:

- The organization assisted indigenous people in Nepal to draft a complaint to the Human Rights Committee about the exclusion of indigenous peoples' chosen representatives from the drafting of Nepal's new Constitution.
- The organization supported the Colombian organization Fuerza de Mujeres Wayuu to submit a report to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- The organization monitored the positions of Member States participating in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and supported the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change to prepare for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010.
- The organization supported Peruvian indigenous organizations in meeting the Minister for the Environment of Peru and representatives of the United Nations Collaborated Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (the UN-REDD Programme), leading to indigenous peoples being consulted on free, prior and informed consent mechanisms and land tenure issues.

In 2011:

- The organization's advocacy materials, compiled with indigenous partners, were used to influence climate negotiations. It was invited to compile further briefings on the rights and benefit of sharing within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change process.
  - As a member of the UN-REDD Programme's independent advisory group, the organization succeeded in getting the Programme's Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria to include principles on international obligations; respect for free, prior and informed consent; the prohibition of involuntary resettlement in REDD-plus activities; and stronger language on land rights.
- The organization provided legal input into indigenous peoples' own free, prior and informed consent protocol in Paraguay, which the Government agreed to include in the final national programme with the UN-REDD Programme.

In 2012:

- The organization convened a workshop entitled "Making the Bali Declaration Effective: Phnom Penh Workshop on Human Rights and Agribusiness in Southeast Asia", leading to a request for United Nations Special Rapporteurs to carry out a study on human rights and agribusiness in South-East Asia for the Human Rights Council.
- The organization supported indigenous peoples' representatives to engage with United Nations negotiations and the development of the Green Climate Fund, and advocated for safeguards in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In 2013:

- The organization provided legal advice and drafting assistance for the UN-REDD Programme guidelines on free, prior and informed consent.
  - At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, indigenous peoples called for the ongoing investigation of oil palm and timber concessions. That fed into the organization's third submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the Merauke Integrated Food and Energy Estate project, which led to strong recommendations from the Committee to the Government of Indonesia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization attended the sixteenth to nineteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 2010 to 2013.
- The organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, with a delegation of indigenous peoples to join the Global Indigenous Peoples' Conference.
- The organization participated in the tenth to twelfth sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, from 2010 to 2013.

- The organization attended the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010 and in Hyderabad, India, in October 2012, respectively. With partners, it provided two submissions to the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization makes extensive use of the United Nations mechanisms, and has observer status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as at 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. International Congo Aid — Smile African Children

Special, 2010

Introduction

International Congo Aid — Smile African Children was established in 1994 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2008. The organization specializes in voluntary, communitarian and humanitarian affairs, with a focus on education, health and general public charitable activities for the well-being of disadvantaged people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eradicate extreme poverty and promote Congolese women's and children's rights by educating the Congolese people in the areas of basic human rights, health and nutrition, job skills and networking.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization organized workshops in collaboration with Croydon Voluntary Action and provided advice to young minorities on ending violence, gang activities, the use of narcotics and "white" and/or fire weapons. It set up a facility for young people who seek such advice at Bangladesh Welfare Association Croydon. The results from monitoring and a survey show that the workshop successfully enabled some young people to correct their anti-social behaviour.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to contribute to online meetings and outcome document reports and written statements.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Millennium Development Goal 2 by paying school fees for 30 of the poorest children, orphans and street children in Mikondo in the province of Kinshasa and in Pangu in the province of Bandundu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and provided them with class materials and clothes; and by purchasing land in Mikondo to build an education centre for underprivileged children and young adults.

3. International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction

Special, 1954

Introduction

The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction was established in 1953 as an association whose objectives are to stimulate and facilitate international cooperation and information exchange between governmental research institutes in the building and construction sector, with an emphasis on those institutes engaged in technical fields of research. The scope of the Council covers the technical, economic, environmental, organizational and other aspects of the built environment during all stages of its life cycle, addressing all steps in the process of basic and applied research, documentation and transfer of the research results and their implementation and actual application. Although most members of the Council are organizations, its focus is on the individual, such as building and construction experts who improve their day-to-day performance through international cooperation and information exchange with their peers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Council's mission is to provide a global network for international exchange and cooperation in research and innovation in building and construction in support of the improved building process and of the improved performance of the built environment; to be a relevant source of information concerning research and innovation worldwide in the field of building and construction; and to be a reliable and effective access point to the global research community and a forum for achieving a meaningful exchange between the entire spectrum of building and construction interests and the global research community. In achieving its objectives, the Council collaborates with other international and national organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Council offered a web-based seminar (webinar) in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) to examine recent guidelines and their possible impact on the built environment on 27 March 2012.
- The Council and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction hosted a series of webinars in May and June 2012 on the topic of "Building disaster resilient cities: enabling risk reduction through urban planning; engaging multiple stakeholders in disaster risk reduction for cities" and using the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool. The webinars shared knowledge and expertise with Council members, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and cities that are involved in the "Making Cities Resilient" campaign. The webinars also provided information about the first annual report of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, entitled "Making Cities Resilient", prepared in 2012.
- On 3 October 2012 the Council hosted a webinar in cooperation with United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) on "Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. International Council of Voluntary Agencies

General, 1974

Introduction

The International Council of Voluntary Agencies is an association of non-governmental organizations from around the world that works as a collective body to promote and advocate for human rights and a humanitarian perspective in global debates and responses. The Council has 8 member organizations headquartered in Africa; 16 member organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Middle East; 36 member organizations in Europe; and 12 in North America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Council aims to support humanitarian actions in two main ways: it provides non-governmental organizations a voice in humanitarian policy debates by bringing the expertise and perspectives of humanitarian and human rights non-governmental organizations from the field to international decision-making

forums, including various United Nations bodies; and it supports non-governmental organizations by keeping them informed about global policy debates to enable them to take informed decisions and effectively engage in processes that improve humanitarian outcomes on the ground. One of the Council's primary functions is to contribute to better collaboration between all humanitarian actors, including by providing strong non-governmental organization voices in United Nations bodies like the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the governing bodies of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Significant changes in the organization

The Council's statutes were changed by its General Assembly in 2012. The changes are not of a strategic or programmatic nature. In 2013, the Council established regional hubs in Asia (Bangkok), West Africa (Dakar) and in the Middle East and North Africa (Amman), which are run by a Council member organization, in order to bring national non-governmental organizations closer to the field work.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council is the focal point for non-governmental organization relations with UNHCR and facilitates non-governmental organization interventions in the UNHCR Standing and Executive Committees. The Council is in close contact and cooperation with various other United Nations bodies and United Nations humanitarian, human rights and development actors and agencies on a regular basis, such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Throughout 2013, the Council, in support of the adoption of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's transformative agenda, has shared information, simulated exercises and collected feedback from operations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In partnership with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on issues of humanitarian coordination, the Council co-chaired two of four Inter-Agency Standing Committee task teams and engaged with other task teams, the principals group and the emergency directors group in 2013.
- The Council also participated in the meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee and Standing Committee, co-hosted the UNHCR annual consultations with non-governmental organizations, and was involved in the UNHCR annual High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Preparations and facilitating non-governmental organization statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council's cooperation includes the following:

- Through partnership with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and UNHCR, it actively supported the United Nations reform of the humanitarian system. It co-hosted the UNHCR annual consultations with non-governmental organizations.
- It coordinated non-governmental organization inputs in the meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee and the sessions of its Standing Committee.

- It consolidated non-governmental organization input to the negotiations on the UNHCR Executive Committee conclusions on international protection.
- It is involved in a dialogue with UNHCR, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and a small number of other non-governmental organization consortiums and non-governmental organizations on improving financial partnership arrangements between those United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Council undertook the following humanitarian actions:

- Emergency assistance as a necessary step in order for a development agenda to be rolled out in the affected areas.
- Advocating strong engagement of affected populations in programming and operations. That rights-based approach provided a seamless conceptual transition from humanitarian response to development.

5. International Women's Democracy Center

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Women's Democracy Center was established in 1995 to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking and research with a focus on increasing the participation of women in politics, policy and decision-making within their own Governments.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in partnership with established non-governmental organizations to implement all programmes, projects and activities towards the goal of increasing the number of women who will stand as candidates for elected/appointed office, lobby their legislatures and/or advocate for issues central to the well-being of their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its programs and projects to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Rim, Latin America and the Middle East.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization strengthened women's global leadership through the United Nations youth delegate programme. The programme invited high school seniors from Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in the United States of America to serve as official delegates to all United Nations conferences, special sessions and regional meetings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Department of Public Information meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women by facilitating skill training, leadership and management workshops around the world so that more women leaders can stand as elected officials; and managing campaigns to ensure that women have a voice in the policymaking process.

6. Italian Association for Women in Development

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Italian Association for Women in Development was established in 1981 and registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy. The organization focuses its activities in following four areas: (a) sexual and reproductive health and rights, abandonment of female genital mutilation/cutting and prevention of gender-based violence; (b) women's participation in economic development; (c) capacity-building of women's organizations and institutions; and (d) girls' education and the prevention of child labour. The Association works in Burkina Faso, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the State of Palestine.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is dedicated to working in developing countries and in countries in transition for the rights, the dignity and the freedom of choice of women. It works in partnership with local organizations and institutions to which it gives all the needed financial and technical support so that they can manage their projects autonomously. In Italy, the Association organizes information activities on women's conditions and gender relations in developing countries and carries out advocacy activities in order to increase the contribution to development of the Government of Italy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Association participated in the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010 and 2011.
- The Association organized two parallel events entitled "The right to participate in CSW, the case of Iran" and "FGM, female genital mutilation — rural women and girls" at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012.
- The Association participated in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and organized a parallel event entitled "Violence against women in Iran and the challenges".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association published and launched the Italian edition of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) report *State of World Population* for four years during the reporting period. It also implemented numerous UNFPA-financed and co-financed projects during 2010 and 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, the Association created small enterprises for women in support of Goal 1. It also provided 363 scholarships for secondary education and access to informal education provided for 30,000 students in support of Goal 3. In support of Goal 5, the Association provided prenatal and postnatal care for 39,000 women, and sensitized 180,000 women and men to women's issues in support of Goal 6.

7. JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

Special, 1998

Introduction

JMJ Children's Fund of Canada is a charitable non-profit organization founded to help children in need.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's focus is on education and providing food and medication.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In Zambia, the organization opened a kindergarten to educate toddlers in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, the organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. It sponsored a film entitled *Silent No More* at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2012. In 2013, the organization attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Assisted with earthquake relief in Haiti by providing food, shelter and nutrition in 2010.
- Goal 2. Educated children in Haiti and opened a literacy centre in 2011 for those who had not been able to attend school earlier because they had to work in order to earn money to feed their own families. In Uganda, the organization educated, fed and treated children in primary schools. In India, the organization tutored older children at night school. In Ghana, it opened a kindergarten school and continued to educate older children.
- Goal 3. The organization educated both boys and girls in all its schools.

8. Kids First Fund

Special, 2006

Introduction

Kids First Fund helps abused and abandoned children, strengthens families and builds awareness of child abuse. The organization operates in countries where resources are very limited. Current projects provide support for children in Latvia and the Republic of Moldova.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's overall strategy is to align with existing grant activities in the Republic of Moldova. It aims to prevent child abuse; to provide educational programming; to focus on impoverished rural areas, such as Latgale in Latvia; and to implement projects that show promise for future self-funding, or which have a defined end date.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of the organization supports the efforts of the Economic and Social Council through activities in Latvia, the Republic of Moldova and the United States.

- To help abused and abandoned children, the organization opened a dialogue on the sexual and physical abuse of children in post-Soviet societies in which the application of a rule of law to protect the rights of children is a relatively new and very fragile concept.
- In 2010, the organization started "The child abuse and prevention project" in the Republic of Moldova. By the end of 2013, the programme had trained 351 district representatives who brought the programme's message to 12,568 students, 3,812 parents and caregivers and 1,899 teachers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization dedicated a large portion of its 2013 annual report to the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Holy See, issued by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in February 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. A family shelter, developed and currently supported by the organization in Latvia, was designed to provide job training for mothers while seeking protection for their children. Vocational training is a key element in breaking the cycle of abuse by creating the ability for women to live independently of their abusers.
- Goal 3. The project in the Republic of Moldova focuses on the rights of mothers (and their children) to protect themselves from abusive relationships.
- Goal 8. The organization engages non-governmental organizations in the United States and corporations throughout the world to support its work in Latvia and the Republic of Moldova.

9. LGBT Denmark: the National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People

Special, 2006

Introduction

LGBT Denmark: the National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People was founded in 1948, and is the main lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization of Denmark.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to work for the liberation at all levels of society of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The main courses of action are as follows: campaigning for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people at local, national and international levels; influencing political decision-making at local, national and international levels; providing information services

such as magazines, newsletters, web services and leaflets; providing counselling services; and implementing projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization's website provides an introduction and resources on how to work with aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity for non-governmental organizations and others engaged in international development.
- It produced a handbook and planned an international conference on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- It undertook a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender mapping and supporting project in the United Republic of Tanzania.
- It produced a report entitled "Stronger voices for LGBT rights" in the United Republic of Tanzania.
- It provided an input to the development strategy of Denmark to include the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons.
- It made the Refugee Appeals Board of Denmark change their practice and grant Convention status to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender refugees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The main topic of interest was the universal periodic review of a number of countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization participated in a coordinated approach with other non-governmental organizations of Denmark regarding the universal periodic review of Denmark.
- The organization participated as a panellist with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navanethem Pillay, at a public debate on human rights on 20 February 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development

Special, 2010

Introduction

Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development is an international non-governmental organization that deals with issues of rights and development. The organization works to promote the concepts of international conventions through practical projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to conduct illiteracy and education services in post-conflict zones, render relief assistance to the needy, undertake disaster management, work on poverty alleviation, promote gender equality and women's empowerment, work on peacebuilding and conflict resolution, promote environmental sanitation and disseminate human rights principles.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Main activities to achieve the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large are the following:

- The organization worked with stakeholders to monitor the implementation of the universal periodic review recommended by the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in the Sudan.
- The organization prepared human rights and humanitarian reports.
- The organization provided emergency assistance and relief to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, to the Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey and to disaster victims in Pakistan and Yemen.
- The organization organized a symposium on agricultural potentialities and food security in Africa.
- The organization participated in humanitarian exhibitions and worked within a Sudanese network to prevent drug use through conducting studies, seminars and awareness campaigns.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in programmes of UNESCO to increase awareness about the role of women in the constitution-making process.
- The organization also participated in a workshop organized by UNHCR on citizenship.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Built schools and established educational projects in war-affected Sudanese states such as the Blue Nile State.
- Goal 5. Implemented programmes on maternal and child care and care for people with special needs.
- Goal 6. Participated in HIV campaigns with a national network on fighting HIV; involved in the vaccination campaign in partnership with the federal Ministry of Health; constructed hospitals and provided health insurance to more than 8,000 families for free treatment.
- Goal 7. Participated in the activities and initiatives of the national network on environmental sanitation.

11. Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights was officially recognized as a public benefit organization by presidential decree in 1978. The Foundation has its headquarters in Athens.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The basic aims of the Foundation are as follows: research, study, defence, protection, safeguarding from violations and the promotion and dissemination of internationally recognized human rights for all without any discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been changes in the programmes and aims of the organization. The Foundation has strengthened its activist profile by introducing field research and intervention on migration issues. Specifically, the Foundation carries out ad hoc visits to detention centres of all types with the aim of improving the living conditions of detainees in Greece and their social rehabilitation. The Foundation provides free legal education and training to detention officers.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation organized the following annual conferences to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

- 2010: the current situation of the international human rights system (Athens, 9 December).
- 2011: progress and setbacks in national and international protection of human rights (Athens, 12 December).
- 2012: the use of violence undermines democracy and human rights (Athens, 10 December).

- 2013: education and human rights (11 December).

The Foundation produced the following publications related to the work of the United Nations:

- *Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Poverty, a Challenge to Human Rights* (Athens, 2010).
- *Le genocide révisité: Genocide Revisited* (Athens and Brussels, 2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization made oral interventions at the twenty-first and twenty-fourth sessions of the Human Rights Council on the following topics: "Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty", "Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action" and "Annual discussion on gender integration" in Geneva, 10-28 September 2012 and 9-27 September 2013.
- The Foundation submitted written statements on "Human rights and poverty: the reality of their mutual contestation" in Geneva, 9-27 September 2013.
- The Foundation participated in the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 6 to 15 February 2013, and submitted a written statement on the priority theme of "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Foundation, in cooperation with the Athens United Nations Information Centre, co-organized the thirteenth model United Nations in 2010.
- The Foundation regularly consulted with UNHCR with regard to the annual contest for students of all categories.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. Mercy Corps

Special, 1998

Introduction

Mercy Corps exists to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. The organization's worldwide team in 41 countries is improving the lives of 19 million people. Supported by headquarters offices in North America and Europe, the agency's unified global programmes employ several thousand staff worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's programmes provide communities in the world's toughest places with the tools and support they need to transform their own lives. Since 1979, the organization has provided $2.2 billion in assistance to people in 114 countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2010 to 2013, the organization was directly engaged in the work of the United Nations at both the global and country levels, including:

- Representation in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee through membership in InterAction. The organization has been very involved in the work relating to the transformative agenda, and has participated in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-led emergency directors group.
- Participation in consultations regarding the response to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic through the Regional Response Plan and the Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response Plan.
- Participation in the Water and Sanitation Global Cluster, as well as the Logistics Cluster.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a number of United Nations-led forums. Examples include:

- Participation in the annual partnership consultation at WFP, held in Rome on 29 and 30 October 2013. The meeting focused on strategy and discussion of best practices.
- Attendance and a presentation at the Global Meeting of the Food Security Cluster Partners, which was jointly managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WFP in Rome on 5 and 6 November 2013. The presentation focused on coordination mechanisms and the response to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2010 and 2013, the organization worked directly with UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, FAO and UNDP to implement $35.9 million in 91 programmes in 28 countries.

The organization also participated in several campaigns including:

- Coordination with UNICEF on the promotion of the "No Lost Generation" campaign to raise awareness around the impact of the Syrian crisis on children.
- Participation in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuel and Energy campaign roll-out.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities are specified.

13. Peace Boat

Special, 2002

Introduction

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment through the organization of global educational programmes, responsible travel, cooperative projects and advocacy activities. The organization carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. The ship creates a neutral and mobile space and enables people to engage across borders in dialogue and mutual cooperation at sea and in ports.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to create awareness and actions for positive social and political changes in the world. The organization pursues its aim through organizing global educational programmes, promoting responsible travel and creating cooperative projects and advocacy activities. Those activities are carried out in a partnership with other organizations and civil society members in Japan and other countries in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In pursuing the sustainable development goal with a focus on peace and disarmament, the organization undertook 14 global voyages and two north-east Asian educational voyages as well as other on-board and in-port programmes. Cooperative activities held in 60 cities included conflict prevention and disaster relief.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization arranged for a delegation of survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to speak at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in New York, from 3 to 28 May 2010. It participated in informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010.
- It participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. It organized side events entitled "Voices from Fukushima, sharing lessons for global

sustainability" on 18 June 2012, and "Working together towards a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East" on 17 October 2012.

- It participated in the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, on 28 May 2013.
- It attended the meetings of the General Assembly's Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) in New York, in October 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- It participated in the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva from 19 to 23 May 2013, and submitted an oral statement on disaster relief in Japan following the 2011 tsunami and presented a document entitled "Lessons and recommendations from Japanese civil society for the post-2015 DRR framework".
- It participated in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, held in New York on 26 September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the field investigation in Fukushima, Japan, in February 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following initiatives to support the Millennium Development Goals, among others:

- The organization partnered with the global campaign for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to raise awareness about the goals.
- As one of the Millennium Development Goals training programmes, the organization organized the African Youth Millennium Development Goals Forum in cooperation with the global campaign for the Millennium Development Goals from 19 to 29 February, 2010. It also organized the Asian round table on the Millennium Development Goals, gender equality and women's empowerment in Da Nang, Viet Nam, on 23 April 2010.

14. Rozan

Special, 2006

Introduction

Rozan is a not-for-profit organization working on issues of emotional and mental health, gender and violence against women, youth and children since 1998.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to work with all people, especially women, youth and children, to collectively strive for a society that is free from violence, self-aware and accepting of itself and others.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Four of the organization's core programmes and two supporting units contributed to the work of the United Nations during the period 2010-2013.

- The children's programme of the organization helped to strengthen the capacities of local communities and child protection committees on the issue of child sexual abuse and initiated work in Rawalpindi. The programme partnered with the National Centre for Child Protection to increase its capacities on child protection issues.
- The women's programme, in partnership with Government and other civil society groups, strengthened the State-run women's centres and shelters in the province of Sindh.
- The police programme focused on police reform in collaboration with other civil society organizations. It established the organization helpline to provide telephone, in-person, e-mail and letter counselling as a training resource for building capacities in Pakistan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2010.
- The organization attended various training seminars organized by UNDP, UNFPA, WHO and UN-Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization's research on issues of masculinity were supported by the United Nations regional joint programme (Partners for Prevention): a joint venture of UNDP, the United Nations Volunteers programme, UNFPA and UN-Women.
- The organization partnered with UNFPA for work with women survivors of violence residing in women centres and shelters.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The children's programme organized campaigns, training, workshops and orientations on the issue of child sexual abuse, and worked with school teachers and mothers in communities.
- The women's programme, along with other women rights organizations, undertook a joint initiative for policy advocacy on violence against women. It also organized a South Asian conference in 2010.
- The media unit reached out to five public and private sector universities in three provinces of Pakistan and conducted seminars on mass communication to promote ethical journalism.

15. Tiye International

Special, 1998

Introduction

Tiye International is an umbrella organization composed of 21 national organizations of black, migrant and refugee women and youth in the Netherlands, established in 1994.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Tiye aims to promote human rights, development cooperation, peace, security and safety; influence Government policy; improve access to the labour market; and combat poverty and racism and all other forms of discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Tiye implements the following projects, among others: the women and peace project, in cooperation with its partner in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to promote female leadership and gender equality in all areas of life; and training on capacity-building related to Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the closure of the International Year for People of African Descent (2011) the organization participated in a panel discussion organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, held in New York, on 19 October 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Tiye organized a conference entitled "Linking Rio+20 with the Millennium Development Goals, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action", held in The Hague, Netherlands, on 16 April 2012. It implemented projects on poverty reduction and capacity-building from a gender perspective from 2010 to 2013 in Ecuador, the Netherlands, South Africa and Suriname.
- It implemented the European transnational project entitled "Speak out! Empowering black, migrant and refugee women and girls against gender violence in Europe" with seven other partners from 2011 to 2013.